GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATISATION OF AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to privatise Airports Authority of India Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have identified the operative areas of privatisation;

(d) if so, the time schedule drawn up to implement the decision;

(e) whether some indigenous companies of country are likely to take active part in it; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)
(a), (b) and (c):- No, Sir. It has however been decided to restructure the airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) as and when found suitable through long term lease. At present, the existing airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Calcutta are being taken up for this exercise. The long term lease would exclude functions such as air traffic/air space management, customs, immigration, security, public health and plant and animal quarantine.

(d):- AAI has entered into a contract for financial consultancy services to advise on the process of privatisation. Legal consultants are also being appointed.

(e) and (f):- It is only after the report of the consultants is received and the bids are submitted by the prospective lessees that the position of participating companies will be known.